

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Reviews in Pelvic Surgery

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The pelvis is a complex anatomic area of the body afflicted with an array of neoplasms that present unique surgical challenges. In addition to the surgical challenges, many of the neoplasms have biological characteristics that affect surgical approaches and outcomes. Periodically, the challenges of surgical oncology of the pelvis justify updated reviews. The *Journal of Surgical Oncology* is publishing a series of reviews by researchers who are experienced students of the challenges.

In addition to surgical and biological considerations, the scope of surgical interventions often poses complex psychosocial challenges to patients and families. A review of psychosocial considerations will be covered in future reviews. One review will cover methods of statistical assessment to quantify outcome.

I am pleased that Dr. Gerald P. Murphy, Editor-in-Chief, has agreed to publish these updated reviews, and as guest editor, I express appreciation to all of the contributors. Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor on various reviews to provide additional insight or perspective to the subjects covered. Many different disciplines are confronted with problems associated with pelvic neoplasms, and our hope is that a compilation of reviews will bring about a cross-fertilization of insights.

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